



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08049.0008

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Oscar Lee AVANT et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3653  
Application No.: 09/652,709 ) Examiner: Daniel K. SCHLAK  
Filed: August 31, 2000 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS )  
FOR IDENTIFYING AND )  
PROCESSING MAIL USING AN )  
IDENTIFICATION CODE )

**RECEIVED**

JUL 14 2004

**GROUP 3600**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2004, the period for response being extended for two months by the concurrent filing of a Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the requisite fee, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.